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GENEVA FOR US MTN DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, MTN, SG
SUBJECT: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF A GENEVA 2944, B STATE 24987, C STATE 51922

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REPORT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
U.S. AND SENEGALESE MTN DELEGATIONS CONTAINED REF A, AND
CONCURS IN DELEGATION'S ASSESSMENT OF GENERALLY LOW LEVEL
OF SENEGALESE INTEREST VIS-A-VIS U.S. IN MTN NEGOTIATIONS.
(ON OTHER HAND, SENEGAL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN 1977 IN
NEGOTIATING PREFERENTIAL BILATERAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT
WITH UNITED STATES, BUT U.S. DECLINED, PARTIALLY
SINCE ACCEPTANCE WOULD HAVE ENTAILED PARTICIPATION IN WHAT
WOULD AMOUNT TO REVERSE PREFERENCE ARRANGEMENT
(77 DAKAR 1551 AND PREVIOUS)..

2. VIRTUALLY ALL RESPONSIBLE SENEGALESE DECISION-MAKERS
HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED FOR WEEKS WITH JUST-CONCLUDED
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PRESIDENTIAL, LEGISLATIVE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS,
PRECLUDING ANY DETAILED HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH
EMBASSY ON STATE OF PLAY IN MTN NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER,
EMBASSY HAS CONVEYED POINTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS
IN REF B TO SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE,
WHICH AMBASSADOR HAS PERSONALLY DRAWN TO ATTENTION OF
KEY MINISTERS INVOLVED. WE HOPE FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL

BE POSSIBLE IN DAKAR IN WEEKS AHEAD, BUT IN MEANTIME
ENDORSE IN SENEGAL'S CASE SUGGESTION CONTAINED
REF C THAT LOCUS OF DETAILED BILATERAL CONSULATATIONS ON
MTN REMAIN IN GENEVA, WHERE SENEGALESE OFFICIALS MOST
CONVERSANT WITH ISSUES INVOLVED ARE LOCATED.
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